

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

CDBG Public Hearing

Mr. Hardaway announced that the CDBG Public Hearing is now opened and then read the opening statement. Mrs. Barron made a motion to Adopt the Affirmative Program Implementing Section 3 Housing & Urban Development Act of 1968 and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the Adopt Section 3 Understanding and was seconded it by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-05

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Town Council President of the Town of Merrillville to submit a project proposal for Community Development Block Grant Funds for federal fiscal year 2019. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated March 12, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2019. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Pettit had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca made a motion to approve the Amendment and Participation Counterpart for Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Federal Aid Bicycle Trail Project and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron had no report and referred to Mr. Lake. Mr. Lake said Crescent Lake had its initial mowing the next step in spring is seeding of the plants and after that it will be a regiment of maintenance to follow for Crescent Lake.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit made a motion to instruct the town attorney to advertise Public Sale of Property that the town owns on 66th and Broadway and not exceed 4 acres for a private multi-purpose gymnasium.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 19-07:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Local User Fee fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for the year 2019 not included in the current budget. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-08:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, creating budget line items within the Police Department Special Grant fund budget. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-09:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-27, being, “An Ordinance establishing/amending the renewal dates for the Town Business License and Hazardous Materials Registration and Authorizing the Clerk- Treasurer to bill and collect the annual business license fee, hazardous materials registration fee and alarm permit fee at the same time”, and repealing all town code sections and ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 19-04:

An Ordinance establishing appropriations and creating a town deferral program in the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, and repealing all town code sections and ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, and all matters relate thereto. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-05:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, creating budget line items within the local user fee fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-06:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, depleting monies of the 2019 budget within certain funds mandated by the department of local government finance. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BZA ACTIONS:

Petitioner:	Ava Selmon-Green
Owner:	Eightieth Place, LLC
Request:	Special exception approval
Purpose:	To allow a proposed game room & gourmet popcorn shop
Location:	64 West 80 th Place
Zoning:	C-2, Community Commercial
Case #:	Z7E7-0219
Conditions:	For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only security camera installed per Ordinance No. 10-18

. Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Petitioner: A-1, Affordable Sign & Neon Co., Inc.
Owner: J & T Properties Inc.
Request: Variance of use approval
Purpose: To allow a proposed led electronic message center
Location: 5960 Broadway
Zoning: C-2, Community Commercial
Case #: Z8uV1-0219
Conditions: For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only will promote Town Events when requested 24 hour use of message center on Broadway.

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Ms. LaMarca made a motion to approve and seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Petitioner: Nikko Berrios
Owner: Peach Tree Partners, LLC
Request: Special exception approval
Purpose: To allow a proposed commercial/retail building with private gym
Location: 700 Grant Street
Zoning: C-2, Community Commercial
Case #: Z9E8-0219
Conditions: For this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only hours of operations open daily 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Minchuk made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
None

PUBLIC COMMENT:
All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Plan Commission meeting, March 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Resource Commission meeting March 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Redevelopment Commission meeting March 19, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

Town Council meeting, March 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer